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Good Evening Chairs and Members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Wilbur Cooper and I live in Hartford, CT. I am here to testify in support of House Bill 5014, the bill that is proposing changes to Husky D (Medicaid).

I live with post-traumatic stress disorder and would like to stress the importance of being able to maintain my medical services at their current level with no restrictions. I live each day on a tight budget and by the end of the month barely have enough money for food. If there are restrictions on how many times I can go to the DR or my co-pays increase, it will become detrimental to my life and I may not be able to afford my housing—which creates another problem.

I struggle each day to just to live my life. I come to the Chrysalis Center each day for socialization, group support and volunteer work. I would also like to support that the nonprofits get their COLA to ensure that the staff I work with maintain their positions so there is less staff turnover.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify here today and I hope that my words will encourage you to be supportive to the needs of the less fortunate in Connecticut.

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